GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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NATIONAL CHARTER ON CHILDREN RIGHTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement National Charter on Children Rights in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any draft charter has been prepared and circulated to the various Ministries in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATIKANTI SINGH)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) The Government has adopted a National Charter for Children, 2003 which has been notified on 9.12.2004. It has been prepared in consultation with concerned Ministries and Departments, State Governments and UT Administrations Institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations and experts. The document emphasizes commitment of the Government to children`s survival, health and nutrition, standard of living, play and leisure, early childhood care, education, protection of the girl child, empowering adolescents, equality, life and liberty, name and nationality, freedom of expression, freedom of association and peaceful assembly, the right to a family and the right to be protected from economic exploitation and all forms of abuse. The document also provides for protection of children in difficult circumstances, children with disabilities, children from marginalized and disadvantaged communities, and child victims. It also provides for responsibilities of both parents in rearing their children and